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Public Health Establishment varies from place to place. In cases where the pay of menials is less than the minimum rates of wages now fixed, action is being taken to bring it on a par with the all-inclusive minimum rates of wages. In cases where the pay is more than the minimum rates of wages, it will not be reduced.

"(c) Action is being taken to introduce the new rates in all Municipalities from 31st March 1952."

Working of the Madras Warehouses Act, 1951.

* 75 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Madras Warehouses Act, 1951, is in force in the State; and

(b) if so, how many warehouses have been licensed and have commenced to function under the Act?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"(a) The Act has not yet come into force in the State pending the issue of rules under the Act.

"(b) Does not arise."

Earthwork of Darsi-Chimakurthi road (Nellore and Guntur districts).

* 76 Q.—SRI S. RAMAKRISHNAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) the date of starting the earthwork of Darsi-Chimakurthi road (Nellore and Guntur districts);

(b) whether there has been any delay in completing this work and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) when the estimate was sanctioned for metalling it between Darsi and Pothakamur;

(d) whether there has been any delay in metalling it and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) when the entire road is likely to be metalled?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—"(a) 15th March 1949 in Guntur district and 30th November 1949 in Nellore district.

"(b) There was no avoidable delay in the execution of the work.

"(c) Only the portion lying in Nellore district is being metalled for a length of 6½ miles. The estimate for metalling mile 0/0 to mile 3 was sanctioned on 26th February 1951 and the estimate for the portion from mile 3 to 6/4 is yet to be sanctioned.

"(d) There was no avoidable delay in the execution of the work.

"(e) The 6½ miles in Nellore district will be metalled by the end of the current year."